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LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 11 October 1992 from Mr. Mohamed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the continued dropping of heat flares by United States aircraft over the population in Ninawa governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex containing the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 11 October 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letters dated 23 June, 28 June and 22 July 1992, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft, in the context of their continuing attempts to stir up feelings among Iraqis, recently dropped heat flares on Ninawa governorate as follows:

1. At 1730 hours on 4 October 1992, a United States aircraft dropped nine light flares on residential areas in the town of Mosul.

2. At 0945 hours on 6 October 1992, two United States aircraft dropped 12 heat flares on the eastern shore of the Saddam Dam Lake in Ninawa governorate.

3. At 1550 hours on 8 October 1992, two United States aircraft dropped a number of heat flares on the area of Bartalah to the east of Mosul.

The persistence of the United States in inflicting harm on Iraq and its people and prejudicing its sovereignty and security by the continued dropping of heat flares by its aircraft on the peaceable population in Ninawa governorate comes at a time when we are still awaiting your reply to our call for you to take the measures imposed by the principles and provisions of the United Nations Charter to halt such action and ensure that it is not repeated in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq